

Verbal Commands

- ▣ Need to give lawful directives and orders
- ▣ Attempt to enhance compliance with verbal skills
- ▣ Tell them what you want, why if practical and appropriate
- ▣ Calm, controlled voice may work better to gain compliance
- ▣ Command presence may need to be enforced with loud, direct verbal commands
- ▣ Loud commands alert witnesses and other officers
- ▣ Loud commands may act as a verbal stun
- ▣ Talking forces you to breath
- ▣ Our goal is to obtain compliance and to facilitate control – verbal commands are key in this endeavor



Reasonable Officer's Response



High Risk Target Areas

- ▣ RED: Targets of last resort since there are no greater risk targets. Intentional strikes or repeated strikes may lead to serious injury or death

- ▣ Neck
- ▣ Throat
- ▣ Solar Plexus
- ▣ Spine / Tailbone
- ▣ Kidneys
- ▣ Eyes
- ▣ Ears & Hollow Behind Ear
- ▣ Temple



Secondary Target Areas

- ▣ **YELLOW**: May cause momentary dysfunction, but there exists a higher risk of significant injury. Repeated strikes may cause significant injury

- ▣ Collarbone
- ▣ Elbow Joints
- ▣ Groin
- ▣ Knee Joints
- ▣ Frontal Face
- ▣ Bridge of Nose
- ▣ Upper Lip
- ▣ Jaw



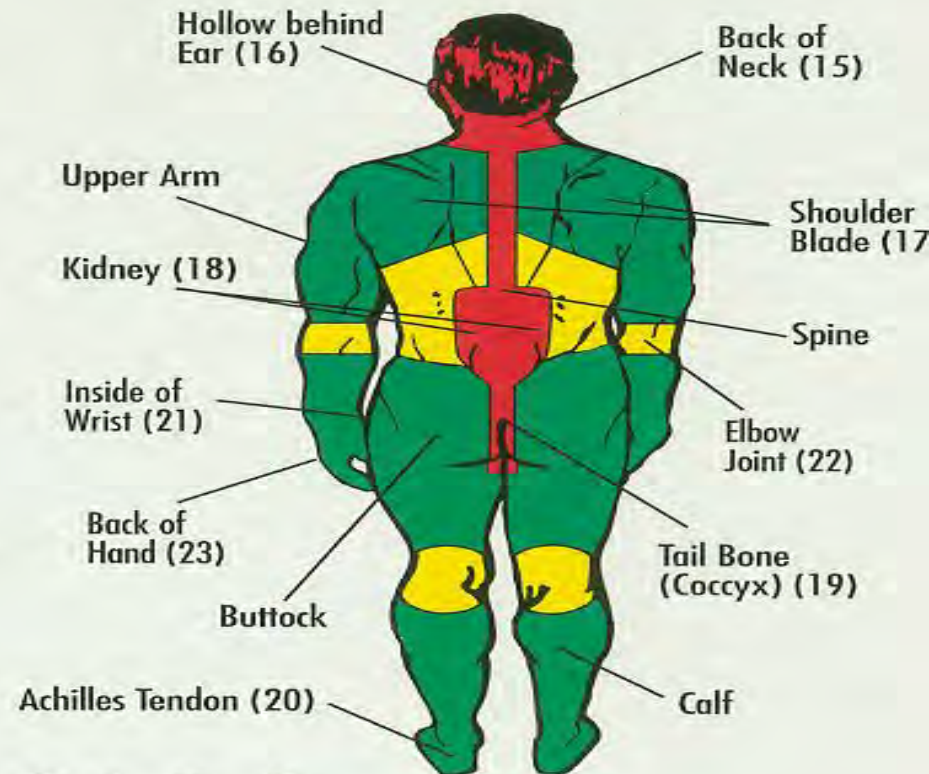
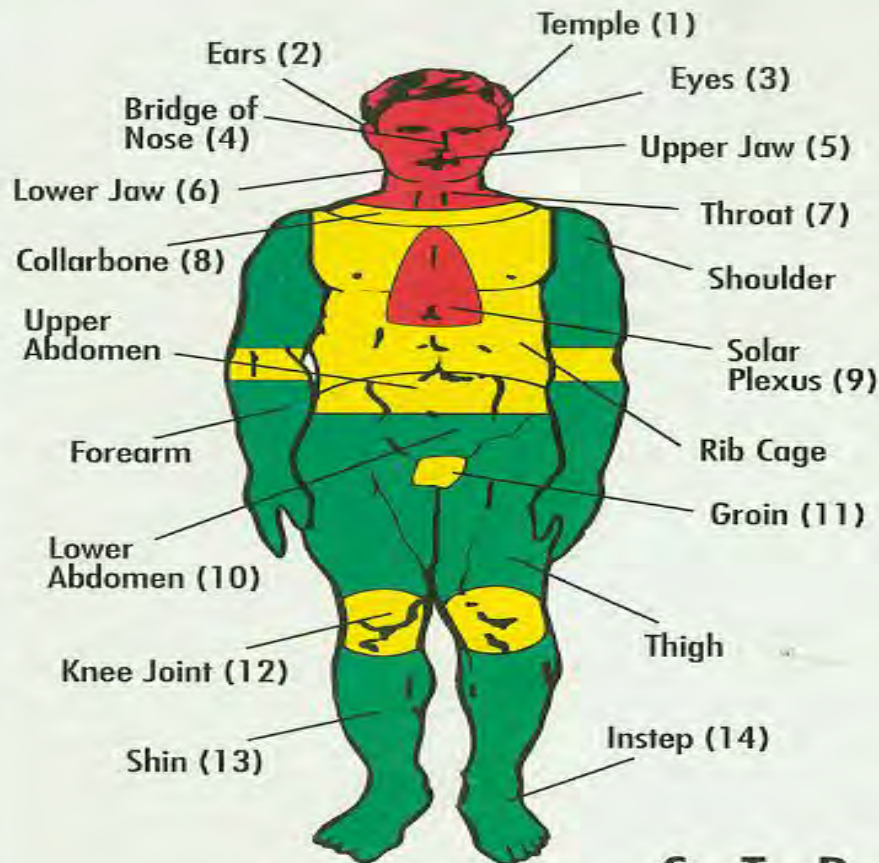
Primary Target Areas

- ▣ **GREEN**: Generally cause momentary dysfunction, without causing significant or serious injuries
- ▣ All other targets...



MONADNOCK BATON CHART

Escalation Of Trauma By Vital And Vulnerable Striking Areas



S T R I K I N G

GREEN TARGET AREAS

REASONING: Minimal level of resultant trauma. Injury tends to be temporary rather than long-lasting, however exceptions can occur.

Except for the HEAD, NECK, and SPINE, the whole body is a Green Target Area for the application of baton blocking and restraint skills.

YELLOW TARGET AREAS

REASONING: Moderate to serious level of resultant trauma. Injury tends to be more long-lasting, but may also be temporary.

RED TARGET AREAS

REASONING: Highest level of resultant trauma. Injury tends to range from serious to long-lasting rather than temporary and may include unconsciousness, serious bodily injury, shock or death.

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